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Name: Melissa Hart

Hometown: Bradford Woods, Pennsylvania

Current job: Member, U.S. House of Representatives –
4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Hobbies: Cooking, cross-country skiing, golf, reading,
ice skating.

Songs on my playlist: “All I Really Want to Do,” by Bob
Dylan; “Nether Lands,” by Dan Fogelberg; “All the Way,” by
Frank Sinatra; “The Dance,” by Garth Brooks; “What a
Wonderful World,” by Louie Armstrong.

Books that I’d recommend: *West with the Night* by
Beryl Markham; *What I Saw at the Revolution* by Peggy
 Noonan; *The Bible, The Devaluing of America* by William
 Bennett; *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde; *An
 American Childhood* by Annie Dillard.

Political inspiration: Former Pennsylvania Governor
 Dick Thornburgh, Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, the
 late Pennsylvania State Representative Elaine Farmer (Elaine
 was my state representative when I first ran for the
 Pennsylvania Senate. She was an invaluable advisor and an
 amazing human being.)

Most important issues facing America:

The War on Terror and securing our Homeland; creating a
 robust economy that spurs continued job creation; educating
 people about personal financial responsibility and saving
 money for retirement; energy security; restoring integrity to
 the national discourse and public service.

Why I am a Republican: I am a Republican because
 we are the only party that is offering positive ideas to make
 our country and our communities a better place to live and
 raise families. Our party stands for individual liberty and the
 opportunity for everyone to achieve the American Dream.
 Our party was home to Abraham Lincoln, who freed the
 slaves and Ronald Reagan, who played an instrumental part
 in winning the Cold War. The Republican Party continues to
 be the driving force in promoting freedom and democracy
 across the world.